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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, On May 25, 2012, the President of the United
3 States of America proclaimed May 28, 2012 through November 11,
4 2025 as the Commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the
5 Vietnam War; and

6 WHEREAS, Prairie State College has partnered with the
7 United States of America Vietnam War 50th Anniversary
8 Commemoration, established by Congress, to "thank and honor
9 veterans of the Vietnam War, including personnel who were held
10 as prisoners of war (POW) or listed as missing in action (MIA),
11 for their service and sacrifice on behalf of the United States
12 and to thank and honor the families of these veterans"; and

13 WHEREAS, It is important to honor the men and women who
14 survived and the 58,260 men and women who gave their lives, 14
15 of whom were from Chicago Heights and Park Forest; and

16 WHEREAS, The citizens of the City of Chicago Heights and
17 the Village of Park Forest, and across the entire State of
18 Illinois, must never forget the pain and suffering that lingers
19 today for the men and women who fought with honor and
20 distinction in the name of freedom and democracy for all; and

21 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois renews its commitment to

1 those who answered the country's call to service in Vietnam and
2 their families; and

3 WHEREAS, Throughout this commemoration, let us strive to
4 live up to their example by showing our Vietnam veterans, their
5 families, and all of the men and women who have served our
6 country the fullest respect and support of a grateful State and
7 nation; and

8 WHEREAS, The freedoms and liberties we enjoy are a direct
9 result of the courage, devotion, and sacrifice of the soldiers
10 and their families and we draw inspiration and pride from all
11 that they are; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
13 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
14 thank our Vietnam Veterans and their families for the
15 sacrifices that they made and we recognize Prairie State
16 College, the City of Chicago Heights, and the Village of Park
17 Forest for their ongoing efforts to recognize those who served
18 in Vietnam; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
20 presented to Prairie State College, the City of Chicago
21 Heights, and the Village of Park Forest as a symbol of our
22 immense gratitude and respect.